

REMARKS

Claim Status

After entry of the above amendments, claims 1-10, 12-33, 36-59, 62-83, and 86-100 will be pending in the application. This paper amends claims 1-4, 7-10, 12-24, 26-29, 31-33, 36-48, 50-53, 56, 58, 59, 62-74, 76-83, 86-98, and 100; and cancels claims 11, 34, 35, 60, 61, 84, and 85 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 27, 51, and 77 are the independent claims of the application.

Objection to the Disclosure

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that the specification recited serial number of a wrong provisional application, and objected to the disclosure. The specification has been amended by inserting the serial number of the correct provisional application. The amendment to the specification should obviate the objection.

Statutory Double Patenting Rejection

In response to the provisional statutory type double patenting rejection, Applicant notes that the pending claims are not coextensive in scope with the claims of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/367,228, now U.S. Patent Number 7,296,015. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the provisional statutory type double patenting rejection.

Objections to Claims 3, 13, 15, 29, 39, 65, and 89

The Examiner objected to some of these claims, asserting that storing software and algorithms in a database is contrary to the conventional understanding of a database in the art. To

expedite prosecution of the application, the claims have been amended by deleting the recitation of software and algorithms being stored in a database.

The Examiner also noted certain informalities in claims 13, 15, 39, 65, and 89. The claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

Section 101 Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 27-50 and 77-100 under 35 U.S.C. § 101, asserting that these claims fail to recite a tangible result. Applicant respectfully notes that independent claims 27 and 77 (the only independent claims of the group) recite generation and transmission of claim chart or claim chart information, which are useful and tangible results. (See the claims for the verbatim recitation.) Furthermore, claims 27 and 77 have been amended to recite that the transmission is performed "in order to display the claim chart" or "in order to display the claim chart information to a user." At least for these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims fall within patentable subject matter defined by 35 U.S.C. 101. *E.g., In re Alappat*, 33 F.3d 1526, 31 U.S.P.Q.2d 1545 (Fed. Cir. 1994) (*en banc*).

Section 112 Rejections

The Examiner rejected independent claim 77 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the Applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Examiner noted that "the processing device" has no antecedent. The Examiner also rejected claims 78-100 that depend from claim 77. Claim 77 has now been amended by, *inter alia*, striking "the processing device" recitation. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment overcomes the section 112 rejections.

Art Rejections

Independent Claims

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite that the query comprises at least one term and a foreign language translation of the at least one term. Support for the recitation of the “foreign language translation” may be found in the specification, for example, at page 60, second paragraph.

Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentable over the cited references at least because the references do not disclose or suggest a query that comprises at least one term and a foreign language translation of the at least one term.

Independent claims 27, 51, and 77 recite identical, analogous, or similar limitations, and should be patentable over the references at least for the same reasons as are discussed above in relation to claim 1.

Dependent Claims

Dependent claims should be patentable at least for the same reason as their respective base claims and intervening claims, if any.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that all pending claims are allowable. To discuss any matter pertaining to the instant application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (858) 720-9431.

Having made an effort to bring the application in condition for allowance, a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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